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## 4 STUDENTS VICTIMS OF A NEGRO FOOTPAD

Two Yield Watches, Money,  
While Two Others Get  
Away by Running.

### POSSE MAKES A HUNT

Hold-Up Man Has a Knife  
and Whisky—Stankowski  
in Gain of 300 Yards.

#### THE ONES HELD UP.

James B. Porter ..... Watch and Money  
Robert S. Clough ..... Watch and Money  
Charles H. May ..... Rm., escaping robbery  
Anton Stankowski Ran, escaping robbery

Four University students were held up in quick succession by a negro armed with a long dagger early Sunday morning in the vicinity of the East Campus. All the hold-ups took place between 12:50 and 1:15 o'clock, and the descriptions of the robber indicate that the work was done by one negro.

The total haul of the negro was two watches valued at about \$30 each and \$6.65 in money. He obtained the watches and money from James B. Porter, who was quarterback on the freshman football team, and Robert S. Clough, a senior in the College of Agriculture. The negro attempted to rob Charles H. May, a freshman in the College of Arts and Science, but May used his fist on the highwayman and ran into the Phi Gamma Delta house. Anton Stankowski, Tiger quarterback, was the fourth one to be stopped by the negro, but "Stan" escaped by making a run of about three hundred yards.

The police have made no arrests in connection with the robberies.

#### Students and Police in Search.

Armed with revolvers and numerous other weapons, such as pieces of iron pipe, rocks, stove poker, clubs, skates and canes, a posse of about thirty students and two policemen scoured the campuses and negro settlements of the city until 4 o'clock yesterday morning. Stankowski carried a big baseball bat.

All descriptions agree that the footpad was a negro, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, and weighing about 140 pounds. He wore a brown slouch hat and dark clothes. Small men seemed to be to the particular liking of the highwayman, for just before he held up Stankowski he passed up Frank L. McAnaw, the big Tiger guard.

Probably the first one to be stopped was May. He was in front of the Phi Gamma Delta house on College avenue when he was grasped by the wrist by a negro. As the footpad reached for a weapon, May struck him in the jaw with his free hand and ran.

#### "Jimmy" Porter Is Encountered.

"Jimmy" Porter and the negro met on University avenue, near Matthews street. Porter was just two doors from his room, at 403 Matthews. The negro was carrying a lighted red lantern, and Porter noticed the moving red light as he was coming north across the East Campus, returning from the M men's dance.

"Give me a match!" the negro called. Porter was singing at the time, and, after saying that he did not have a match, he started to walk on.

"Stop or I'll shoot," commanded the negro, as he started toward Porter. The smell of whisky was on the negro's breath, when he tore open Porter's coat and placed the knife just above his heart. Even then Porter says he "kidded" with him for a couple of minutes, and the negro acted as if he had just enough whisky in him to make him feel good. When "Jimmy" said he had no money, the negro went through his pockets and took six \$1 bills and his watch. Then the hold-up man took the knife in his other hand and made Porter shake hands with him.

The money taken from Porter was given him by Stankowski in payment of a debt not more than an hour before the holdup.

#### Different Tactics Are Tried.

Not more than ten minutes after the Porter hold-up the negro accosted Clough on the north side of University avenue, just across from the Biology Building. This time his lantern was not burning, and he asked Clough for a match. Thinking he was a street worker Clough began going through his pockets, when the negro stepped up and showed his knife. He used different tactics this time.

"You think you're pretty smart, don't you?" he said. "You've been out to see a girl, haven't you? How much money have you got?"

When Clough dug up 65 cents, which

## THE CALENDAR

Dec. 18.—Piano recital by Basil D. Gauntlett, director Stephens College department of music, College Auditorium at 8:05.  
Dec. 19.—Concert by the University Cadet Band at 7:30 p. m. in the University Auditorium.  
Dec. 21.—Christmas holidays begin at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.  
Jan. 1-5.—Farmers' Week.  
Jan. 3.—Christmas holidays end at 8 a. m. Wednesday.  
Jan. 9.—Columbia U. D. C. memorial musical in honor of the birthday of Robert E. Lee.  
Jan. 12.—Basketball, Missouri vs. Ames.  
Jan. 17.—Glee Club opening concert, University Auditorium.

was all he had, the negro became abusive, calling him all kinds of names and at the same time threatening him with the knife. He kept this up for several minutes, but finally had Clough take off his overcoat and unbutton his vest. He went through Clough's vest pockets, taking the watch and a small knife. Again cursing and threatening to shoot, he told Clough to "beat it" and watched him until he was half a block away.

#### "Stan's" Happiness Is Marred.

Stankowski was on his way to his room in Benton Hall from the M men's dance and met the negro on Hitt street, about half-way between Lowry street and Conley avenue.

"It was the first time I had ever taken a girl to a dance," said "Stan" this morning, "and I was feeling real happy. The negro stopped when about fifteen feet from me, and I walked up to him like a lamb to the slaughter. He had his knife waiting for me; so I accommodated him by stopping."

"Give me all the money you have," said the negro as he flourished the knife.

Stankowski argued that he didn't have any money, but when the hold-up man started to bring his knife down, the Tiger quarter asked him how much he wanted.

"Four dollars," the negro replied.

"That's too much," returned "Stan."

"Unbutton your overcoat," was the next command. "Now give me your watch."

"Excuse me, nigger, I'm gone," said "Stan."

#### "Stan" Makes Open-Field Run.

And then he put his football experience to advantage. Quickly dodging under the knife, he started to run south on Hitt street. Before he had gone twenty-five feet, he fell trying to climb a small terrace, but got up just as the negro fell in the same place.

The Tiger quarter then skirted around the corner of Hitt street and Conley avenue.

"Near the Missouri store," said "Stan" today, "I thought I heard the echoes of my footsteps, but looking back I saw my friend not more than twenty-five feet away. He followed me to the Palma, and then dodged off into the underbrush on the West Campus, just across the street. I never ran faster against Kansas than I did last night."

Stankowski's trousers were torn as he fell down, but that was his only loss.

The negro did not have his lantern when he accosted Stankowski, and this was later found in the center of the street at University and College avenues.

#### Negro Meets Two Other Students.

Two other students were called to by a negro who answers the description of the one who did the hold-up work, but no attempt was made to rob them. About midnight, a negro carrying a red lantern called to O. V. Batson as he was passing the Missouri Union Building and asked, "Where does Watson Barnes live?" Batson says the man acted as if he was about half drunk.

Near College avenue and Rosemary lane, a negro, also carrying a lantern, asked F. M. Tatum for a match, but Tatum ran and the negro did not attempt to stop him.

All the men held up were on their way home from dances.

## SHOPPING HOURS ANNOUNCED

Columbia Merchants Will Do No Business After 1 a. m. Christmas Day.

Clothing, shoe, grocery, hardware, jewelry stores and meat markets will close Christmas Day at 10 a. m. Dry goods and women's furnishing stores will remain closed all day.

All stores will remain open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings until 9 o'clock, for the benefit of the Christmas shoppers.

#### M Men in Mirror Mystery.

The mystery of the lost mirror, taken from the men's cloak room in the University Library Friday, has been solved. Its disappearance was a part of the M men's initiation. Two candidates were told to get it and take it to the Gymnasium. The mirror was located and returned upon request.

## CONGRESSMEN URGE U. S. PREPAREDNESS

Unsettled Submarine and Immigration Difficulties are Causes of Agitation.

### ARMY ACT PROPOSED

Senator Hughes of New Jersey Favors Training 250,000 Men for Service.

#### By United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—America must push her preparedness plan now lest peace come and find international difficulties still pending or militarism still encouraged abroad, many congressmen warned today. The warning was called forth by a series of stories carried by the United Press telling how New York was literally "rolling and rollicking in wealth" and the entire country playing its part without any apparent thought for the future.

These senators and representatives frankly admitted that behind the warning lie the thoughts of unsettled submarine differences with Germany and possible difficulties in connection with the immigration bill which recently passed the Senate. They were emphatic in declaring against "alarmist warnings," but insisted that it is not safe for the United States to be "satisfied with financial fatness and with no sinew behind the fat."

Senator Hughes of New Jersey came out with a proposal for an army of 250,000, at least, to serve two years with the colors and four as reserve, so that 125,000 men would go back annually into civil life, giving 1,250,000 trained men in ten years.

#### Bill for Dry D. C. Defeated.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Smoot's absolutely dry bill offered as a substitute to Senator Shepard's more liberal bill for a dry District of Columbia was defeated today by a vote of 61 to 8.

#### Present System a Failure.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Nothing could be more pronounced than the "complete failure of the mobilization of the militia forces along the border," declared Major General Leonard Wood, former chief of staff, before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs today. "Not one half of the regular or militia units on the border today are at full war strength," said Wood. "We have no defense. We are unprepared. The only way to get it is by the universal military training system. We must get it now; and we must get it quickly."

Wood gave his sentences with ringing crispness. He referred to the statement of former Secretary of the Interior Fisher, who suggested the plan for "civic training with military features as a bi-product," as a play on words.

Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, said the staff officers had decided that the initial force of the United States in case of war should not be less than 1,500,000 "equipped, perfectly trained and seasoned men."

## 6 LIVES LOST IN HOTEL FIRE

Roy White, Wife and 4 Sons Burn to Death in Cheyenne.

By United Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 18.—Roy A. White, his wife and three sons, one of the latter, a 9-months-old baby, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Intercean Hotel here early today. A fourth son is still missing, and his body is undoubtedly in the ruins.

## KIRKSVILLE ELECTION REVERSED

Vote of Students Thrown Out, and G. A. Goben Made Mayor.

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18.—Holding that 200 students of the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville were not legal voters, the Court of Appeals today declared G. A. Goben mayor of the city. In the election of April 4, Goben got 770 votes. His opponent, Charles E. Murrell, polled 804, of which 200 were students' votes.

#### County Clerk at Office Again.

C. W. Davis, county clerk, was at his office for a short time this morning. He has been confined to his home for some time with neuralgia.

#### Circuit Court Docket Arranged.

Circuit Clerk J. E. Boggs and members of the bar this morning arranged the docket for the January term of Circuit Court.

## SAYS AN ART MUSEUM WOULD AID COLUMBIA

Curator of Toledo Institution, M. U. Alumnus, Tells of Benefit.

### WOULD BRING GIFTS

Legislature and the Alumni Should Provide for the Building.

An art museum as a foundation for a more beautiful Columbia, is the suggestion of Blake-More Godwin, A. B., '15, now curator of the Toledo Art Museum, who is visiting his brother, a student in the University.

Mr. Godwin goes on the assumption that art is not for the exclusive use of the "high-brows" but can be humanized so as to become a molding factor in our everyday life. An art museum in Columbia, he asserts, would educate the people and city administration to an abhorrence of the junk heaps and unlovely structures which now grace the city.

"The University and Columbia have no art collections because they have no safe place to put paintings and statues," says Mr. Godwin. "Men of means in Missouri would gladly present the University with worthy works of art if they were assured that their gifts would be placed in a fire-proof structure. Our museum at Toledo cost \$300,000 but a building erected at the University at one-fifth of this cost would be the magnet which would soon draw a collection of art to Columbia."

The collection at Toledo started with the mummy of an Egyptian cat but a building was secured anyway and gifts of rare works of art soon began to come in. Now, some of the articles in the museum can not be duplicated.

Mr. Godwin believes that art is for everyone. This daily contact with the beautiful would develop a greater appreciation of the things around us. To show the importance of art in civic life he told how the lack of it almost lost Toledo its growth. Although one of the largest railway centers in the central west this city possesses an ugly union station. Willys, the automobile manufacturer, while in search of a location for his factories, had to be dragged from the train at Toledo and be shown the shops left by the Pope Manufacturing Company, because the unlovely aspect of the union station led him to believe that the people of the city were as slovenly as their artistic taste. Since then the chance that Toledo almost missed has doubled her population through the establishment of the Willys-Overland Company.

"The Crying need for a small art museum here should be put before the legislature," says the visitor. "If they are unable to appropriate funds for the structure our alumni will surely come to the rescue. The University is not yet old enough to have produced millionaire alumni but the time is almost here when her graduates will have accumulated sufficient wealth to support the museum we need and which will surely make the already progressive Columbia a better and more beautiful city."

## RUSSIANS DRIVEN BACK

Attack on Retreating Army by German Aeroplanes Is Announced.

By United Press

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Retreat of Russian forces in Braila and attack of these retreating columns by German aeroplanes were reported in today's official statement.

"No important event" was how the statement detailed the action on the Western front. Russians attacks at Luck and near Bolporsk were repulsed, the statement added.

#### Russians Advance in Carpathians.

By United Press

PETROGRAD, Dec. 18.—Advance of Russian forces in the Carpathians was announced in today's official statement.

#### Wabash Engine Balks at Centralia.

The engine which pulled the 10:50 o'clock train to Centralia this morning refused to work when the time came for its return and it was necessary for the passengers to wait and take the 2:40 o'clock train to Columbia.

## THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Fair continued tonight and Tuesday but with rising temperature Tuesday. Lowest temperature tonight about 10 above zero.

For Missouri: Fair tonight and Tuesday; colder southeast and warmer extreme northwest portions tonight; rising temperature Tuesday.

Weather Conditions.

Since Saturday an atmospheric depression developed in and moved from the lower part of the Rio Grande Valley, and at 7 o'clock this morning was central in Alabama. It is a storm of quite marked proportions, and is traveling northeast. Rain has been quite general from the Gulf of Mexico to the Ohio River, and has fallen in Kentucky, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, and northward.

Clear skies, however, prevail this morning in the Mississippi Valley and lower half of the Missouri Valley, the Plains, West Gulf States, and Southern Rocky Mountains.

Temperatures continue below the seasonal average everywhere.

Mostly fair and quite cold weather will continue in Columbia for the next two or three days.

#### Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 37, and the lowest last night was 14; precipitation, 0.01; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 61 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 32, and the lowest 24; precipitation, .90.

#### The Almanac.

Sun rises today, 7:23 a. m. Sun sets, 4:49 p. m.

Moon rises 12:38 a. m.

#### The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m. .... 14 11 a. m. .... 18

8 a. m. .... 13 12 m. .... 19

9 a. m. .... 14 1 p. m. .... 21

10 a. m. .... 16 2 p. m. .... 23

## RECORD SHOPPING DAY

Merchants Say Saturday Business Shows 25 to 30 Per Cent Increase Over 1915.

By United Press

Saturday was one of the biggest shopping days Columbia merchants have ever had. The stores were so full of people that one could scarcely wedge his way through the crowd. Even with the extra clerks that have been added to the regular forces, it was almost impossible to get waited upon.

Merchants say that the Christmas shopping is being done rather late. In fact, the people haven't realized that Christmas is so near at hand. Many of the merchants say that there was an increase of 25 to 30 per cent in business over that of the same Saturday last year.

People are spending more money this year than last, the merchants claim, but it is being spent for more practical gifts. One dry goods man said that where people had heretofore bought fancy and impractical things, the same people were this year buying more expensive and more serviceable gifts.

## RUSH BEGINS AT POSTOFFICE

Employees Will Work Overtime—Six Substitutes to Help.

That Christmas is soon to be here is perhaps more noticeable at Columbia's postoffice. Packages and parcels in Yuletide wrappings sent by those who wish to avoid the annual rush, have begun to make their appearance.

By Wednesday the rush will be on in good force. To prepare for this emergency, postmaster J. H. Gaiter has arranged to have the regular employees work from two to five hours overtime each day. Six substitutes will work full time during the rush period.

Every precaution will be taken to avoid delay in sending the packages through the mails. On Sunday, December 24, five wagons will deliver packages.

## FORMER STUDENTS TO MARRY

Samuel Rudder and Miss Nadine Roach Will Wed Next Month.

Samuel Rudder, who was graduated from the School of Engineering in 1915, and Miss Nadine Roach, a former student in the University and daughter of Secretary of State Roach, will be married January 10, in Jefferson City. The wedding is the result of an acquaintanceship which began three years ago when Miss Roach was a freshman and Mr. Rudder a junior in the University. Mr. and Mrs. Rudder will be at home in East St. Louis after February 1. Mr. Rudder is connected with the Illinois State Highway Department at Springfield.

## MISTLETOE POPULAR THIS YEAR

Scarcity of Christmas Greens Not Noticeable in Columbia.

Christmas kissing under the mistletoe will be fashionable in Columbia again this year. Although dealers in Kansas City and St. Louis report a scarcity of southern Christmas greens, Columbia merchants say they have a normal supply of both mistletoe and holly. The scant supply in the large cities is due to the prosperity in the South resulting from high prices for cotton, leading the southern people to neglect the holiday market.

## OFFICIALS SAY PEACE MEANS DISARMAMENT

U.S. Authorities Believe Teutons Should Restore Belgium and Serbia.

### PEOPLE ARE RESTIVE

Lloyd-George Is Expected to Outline in His Speech the Terms of the Allies.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—United States officials are convinced today that there can be no formal discussion of peace until Germany and Austria avow a willingness to restore Belgium and Serbia and until all the nations involved are ready to disarm on a large scale.

In his forthcoming speech, David Lloyd-George, British premier, is expected to insist on such terms as a fundamental groundwork for any formal parley, and such action on his part would serve to "pass the buck" back to Germany. Moreover, officials believe he will outline fully what the Allies are fighting for, but in no circumstances will he voice a scornful or flat refusal of Germany's offer.

The United Press is in a position today to give a detailed outline of this Government's convictions on the several angles of peace. They are:

It is believed that Germany's offer of peace was caused because the German people were becoming restive. It is believed that the people of all countries, America included, want peace, as long as there is no sacrifice of principles for which fighting has been going on. No reason is seen why Lloyd-George, when he addresses the Commons tomorrow, should fail to outline the general peace terms of the Allies. Unequivocal rejection of the Teutons would immediately act to England's disadvantage in neutral countries, it is believed here.

## Britons Await Reply With Interest.

By United Press

LONDON, Dec. 18.—When Premier David Lloyd-George addresses Parliament tomorrow and outlines the policy of his government, he will find the pulse of the British people beating in unison with that of the war council. Interest is intense tonight in the reply the premier will make to the peace proposals and his discussion of the food investigation and the question of man-power.

The temper of the British people toward peace was indicated when a mob yesterday attacked Sylvia Pankhurst as a "pacifist." With a group of sympathizers she attempted to hold a demonstration to demand peace.

It is expected that Lloyd-George will give in his speech a brief and comprehensive review of the war and will outline what has been accomplished under the old regime and what he expects to accomplish with the new war council.

## COLUMBIA DAILY TIMES SOLD

W. H. Melrose Obtains Complete Control and Sells to Hugh Moore.

The Columbia Daily Times was sold at auction to W. H. Melrose, who already owned an individual half interest in the property, at the courthouse this afternoon. Shortly after getting complete control of the paper, Mr. Melrose said he sold it to Hugh Moore, who has been editing the Times since last May. He refused to state the price.

The auction was held to perfect the title of the property as Mrs. Matie E. Kimball held an undivided one half interest as the result of a chattel mortgage, covered by two promissory notes, one for \$1,250 and the other for \$2,450, which she held against Charles Price. These notes were bought in by Mr. Melrose at the auction for \$1,700.

Mr. Melrose bought in a note of \$2,067, given by Fred Price, for \$1,938 and also an installment note given to Lee Walker for paper and other bills for \$1,000. The auction sale was conducted by S. C. Hunt, agent for Mrs. Kimball.

## W. T. Kemper Is on Governor's Staff.

W. T. Kemper of Kansas City, a son of J. H. Kemper and a brother of Mrs. Turner McBaine, both of Columbia, has been appointed colonel on the staff of Governor-elect Frederick D. Gardner. Mr. Kemper has been a personal and business friend of Mr. Gardner's for years, and was largely responsible for getting him into the race for governor.